

2026 CANDIDATE SURVEY

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1. Abortion is the intentional act of ending the life of another human being, while in the womb. Lawmakers should work to promote and protect the value of human life from conception to natural death, rather than further expansions of abortion access. (HB126-2026; HB42-2025; HB 148-2024)

RESPONSE Strongly Agree

I agree that human life is valuable and deserving of protection, and as a lifelong Catholic, I believe life begins at conception. I support policies that respect and promote the dignity of life. At the same time, I believe it is important to consider the health and well-being of the mother in certain circumstances. These situations can be complex and require careful, compassionate judgment. My approach is to uphold the value of life while recognizing the need for reasonable considerations in cases involving the health and safety of the mother.

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2. The danger of chemical abortion has been heavily researched (see EPPC study). Lawmakers should work to ensure that women are fully informed and receive a medical examination prior to receiving such drugs. (HB64-2025; HB117-2026)

RESPONSE Agree

I support ensuring women are fully informed and receive a medical evaluation prior to medication abortion. While these medications are generally effective and serious complications are considered relatively rare, risks such as heavy bleeding, infection, and undiagnosed ectopic pregnancy do exist. A medical exam or appropriate screening helps confirm gestational age and identify potential risks, improving patient safety. Given these considerations, I believe it is reasonable for lawmakers to require a medical evaluation before these drugs are provided. At the same time, care should be taken to ensure access remains practical, especially in rural states like Wyoming. My priority is protecting patient safety through informed, responsible care.

3 *3. Individuals and faith-based entities should have the right of conscience to freely live out their sincerely held convictions without fear of government infringement or retaliation. (HB 207-2025; SF 77-2025)*

RESPONSE Agree

I support the right of individuals and faith-based organizations to live out their sincerely held religious beliefs without government infringement. Protecting religious freedom is an important principle in our country and in Wyoming. At the same time, I believe these protections must be carefully balanced with public health and safety. We saw during COVID that conflicts can arise when individual beliefs intersect with broader community risks. In those situations, policymakers must be thoughtful to ensure that protections for religious freedom do not unintentionally harm others. My approach is to support strong protections for conscience rights while recognizing there are limited circumstances where public safety must also be considered.

4 *4. Medical personnel should not be required to participate in any medical procedure or service that conflicts with the individual's sincerely held moral, ethical, or religious beliefs. (SF111-2023; HB143-2026)*

RESPONSE Strongly Agree

I agree that medical professionals should not be required to participate in procedures that conflict with their sincerely held moral, ethical, or religious beliefs. Protecting conscience rights is important to ensure individuals are not forced to act against deeply held convictions. At the same time, I believe these protections must be balanced with a patient's ability to access appropriate care, especially in rural areas like Wyoming. There may be situations where patient safety or access becomes a concern, and those must be carefully considered. My approach is to support strong conscience protections while recognizing the responsibility to ensure patients can still receive timely and appropriate medical care.

5 *5. Lawmakers should protect minors by ensuring that government-funded spaces, including libraries and public schools, restrict access to sexually explicit content, while recognizing the right of parents to make decisions regarding their minor children's access to such materials. (HB10-2026)*

RESPONSE Strongly Agree

I generally agree that minors should be protected from sexually explicit content in government-funded spaces such as schools and libraries, and that parents should play a central role in decisions about what their children can access. At the same time, I do not support broad book bans. Instead, there should be a fair, transparent process for reviewing materials when concerns are raised. In some cases, a book may be more appropriate in an adult section rather than removed entirely. My approach is to protect children while respecting parental rights and maintaining access to information through a thoughtful, balanced process.

6 *6. Wyoming should recognize biological differences between men and women and protect girls' sports, locker rooms, and sex-designated spaces. (SF 44-2025; SF 62-2025; HB 72-2025; HB 32-2025; SF133-2023)*

RESPONSE Strongly Agree

I strongly agree. Wyoming should recognize biological differences between men and women and ensure fairness in girls' sports as well as privacy in locker rooms and other sex-designated spaces. I supported these efforts in both committee and on the House floor. These policies are important to maintain fair competition and protect the privacy and safety of women and girls. At the same time, these issues should be approached respectfully, but the primary focus must remain on preserving fairness and safety in these spaces.

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7. Lawmakers should support legislation that helps parents stand up to government entities that attempt to circumvent their rights in raising their children. (Sf 09-2024; HB 200-2025)

RESPONSE **Agree**

I support the role of parents as the primary decision-makers in raising their children and believe they should be informed and involved in important decisions affecting their child's education and well-being. I supported SF9 because it focuses on transparency and ensures parents have access to information about their children. That is a reasonable and necessary step. However, I did not support HB200 because I believe it went beyond notification and created concerns about implementation and flexibility for schools. Policies in this area must strike a balance. My approach is to support parental involvement while ensuring policies are practical, balanced, and workable for families and schools.

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8. Lawmakers should allow education funding to follow the child and protect parents' freedom to choose public, public charter, private, or homeschool options. (HB 166-2024; SF 61-2024; HB 199-2025; HB 94-2025; HB 46-2025; HB 23-2026)

RESPONSE **Agree**

I support expanding parental choice in education and was the sponsor of HB166. My approach is grounded in the Wyoming Constitution, particularly with respect to financial means testing and responsible use of public funds. I believe parents should have options, including public, charter, private, and homeschool. At the same time, we must ensure any funding model is fair, sustainable, and consistent with our constitutional obligations. I am open to solutions where a portion of school funding tied to property taxes could follow the student up to a defined level. This approach is less about direct payments and more about providing property tax relief to families who choose alternative education options. My goal is to increase choice while maintaining accountability and fiscal responsibility.

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9. Lawmakers should support open enrollment policies that allow students to attend schools regardless of their geographic address. (SF 109-2025)

RESPONSE **Disagree**

I believe expanding educational opportunities for families is important, but I did not support SF109 because it takes decision-making authority away from local communities. In Wyoming, school districts vary greatly, and what works well in one area may not work in another. Open enrollment should be a community-based decision, not a one-size-fits-all policy dictated by the state. I also have concerns about the financial impact, particularly increased transportation costs, which are fully reimbursed by the state and could significantly increase spending. My approach is to support local control, allowing communities to make the best decisions for their students while being mindful of fiscal responsibility.

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10. Lawmakers should ensure that public schools and post-secondary educational institutions do not seek to enforce DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) mandates, which promote discrimination by dividing individuals into classes of "oppressed" and "oppressor." (SF 103-2025; HB 147-2025)

RESPONSE **Strongly Agree**

I support ensuring that public education remains focused on learning and does not adopt mandates that divide students or staff based on ideology. I voted in favor of both SF103 and HB147 because I believe we should avoid policies that categorize individuals in ways that can be divisive. That said, I believe we must be careful not to go too far in restricting local decision-making or creating unnecessary limitations for schools and institutions. Of the two, I felt HB147 provided a more balanced and workable approach. My goal is to ensure our education system treats students as individuals, promotes fairness, and stays focused on core educational outcomes rather than political or ideological agendas.

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